



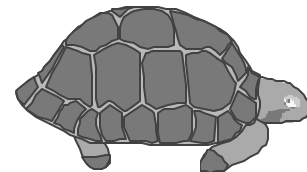
Summer
2003



Slow in coming (just like this newsletter) summer is here and proceeding to fly by. Now is the time to make the most of your Master Gardener experience. Go to every garden walk and travel tour, volunteer at each opportunity. Drop in at the Extension office if you need hours to become certified or to maintain your active status. Don't wait until the end of the season, you might miss out!

MACOMB MSU EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER
SUMMER POT-LUCK PICNIC

Saturday, September 6, 2003
11:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine



Metro Beach Metropark at 16 Mile Rd. and Jefferson in Harrison Twp. We will meet at the West Grove covered shelter near the Nature Center. Bring your family and friends.

- **Eat at noon, nature walk at 1:30**
- **Participate in the nature walk provided by park naturalists**
- **Bring a dish to pass. Paper goods, lemonade and ice tea will be provided by MSUE.**
- **Plan to pay the park vehicle entry fee of \$4.00 (or get an annual pass for \$20.00) Shelter rental provided by MSUE.**
- **Participate in the garden item gift swap – bring a gift, get a gift (garden related, 10 dollar range, hand-made items always welcome)**
- **Bring plants and seeds to exchange with fellow gardeners**
- **Bring comfortable camp chairs, sun screen & bug repellent**

Macomb MSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Carolyn Taylor is coordinating the picnic again this year. Call her at (586) 286-7569 if you would like to offer your assistance or for more information.

Ed. Note: I hope you enjoy this medley of parodies created by talented gardener and musician, Suzanne Rouch. She treated the spring 2003 Master Gardener class to a sing-along and gave me permission to share her words with all of you. If we practice, maybe we can sing together at the Summer Picnic!

A Medley of Gardening Glimpses
by Suzanne Rauch, class of
spring 2003

THE GARD'NER

Tune: The Gambler

On a warm summer's evenin'
It may not be the best time
For prunin' the fruit trees,
Or the oak that gives you shade.

For when it comes to prunin'
It's all a-bout fine-tunin';
How, why, what, where and when to
prune...

You shouldn't be a-fraid.

You've got to use sharpened tools,
And know the rules;
Know when to walk a-way,
And know when to run.
You never leave - stubs
Or angles that are too small.
Disinfect between cuts,
And when the prunin's done.

IPM

Tune: In The Mood

When there's an organism where it
doesn't be-long
You ne-ver spray and pray, oh no
That would be all wrong.
You must ID the culprit...
A disease, bug or weed?
Is it beneficial
And just how does it breed?
There are ways to manage it;
There's lots you can do
To take care of the pro-blem with
less res-l-due.

I P M – oh yeah, it is se-lec-tive
I P M – uh huh, and more ef-fec-tive
Ed-u-cate your-self on how to use it.
You can still use pesticides, but
don't a-buse it.

SOIL TESTING

Tune: You've Got a Friend

When you're down and digging
For your year-ly soil test
And you take 20 sam-ples to do it
right.

Mix them up efficiently
And spoon out just a pint,
Then bring it to the MSUE door.

You just fill out the form
'Cause you know what's been
growin' there
And what you'll grow there,
And what your goals are.

Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall;
Do it the same time each year,
that's all,
And the lab will send you...
What they recommend
It's so good to know what they rec-
ommend
You'll get test results and
What they recommend
Oh yeah, yeah
What they re-com-mend.

**PLEASE DON'T PLANT TOO
MUCH ZUCCHINI**

Tune: Don't Cry For Me Argentina

It won't be ea-sy You'll think it
strange
When I try to explain how I feel,
As I plead with you after all that
you've done.
You won't believe me.
All you will see is the yield you once
knew;
The bushels that numbered up to
nine,
Or ten or e-le-ven for you.

Please don't plant too much zu-cchi-
ni
The truth is I've ne-ver liked it.
Why not try cu-cum-bers, Or red
to-ma-toes?
Please say you'll promise.
(How 'bout po-ta-toes?)

LOOK YOUR LAWN OVER

Tune: Hey Look Me Over

Look your lawn o-ver And ne-ver
fear

There may be clo-ver Or crab
grass up to here.
Brown patch or snow mold, Leaf
spot or rust.

You know that it's best just to get a
grip
It real-ly is a must...

And just pull up all those dand'lions
Core all that thatch.
When it's dry, wa-ter And if you
need to, patch.
If you're a little bit short on the mow-
ing height
Raise it to cut one-third.
Or just em-ploy a land-sca-per!



**All I Really Need To Know I
Learned In
Macomb MSUE Master Gardener**

- Share
 - Plan ahead
 - Be observant
 - Revenge is a waste of time
 - Sometimes you have to go through rough times in order to grow.
 - Roots are important.
 - Life's miracles come in all sizes.
- Go forth and be fruitful!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Growing with Master Gardeners SM a day of learning, sharing, shopping and fun. The all-volunteer Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (mgawc.org), in collaboration with the U of M Dearborn Natural Areas Department, is pleased to present the fifteenth annual educational conference.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 13, 8 am to 5 pm The Garden Market of books, merchandise, and plants will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: University of Michigan Dearborn campus 4901 Evergreen Rd, south of Ford Rd in Dearborn

Brochure Requests: gwmg@mgawc.org, 586-758-5904 (leave mailing address on machine) Pre-Registration: \$35 full day including box lunch Registration includes two keynotes, three classes, a box lunch, opportunities to network with gardeners, and a chance at door prizes--all for \$35 (same price since 1999).

To receive a brochure with class and registration details in August, please e-mail your name and mailing address to gwmg@mgawc.org, or leave your mailing address on the answering machine at 586- 758-5904, or send a postcard to 19978 Silver Spring Drive, Northville, MI , 48167-1942, or check the www.mgawc.org website in mid August.

Walk & Learn Workshops

presented by: The Michigan Green Industry Association

Contact: Greg Patchan mailto:greg@landscape.org

While most education in the Green Industry takes place during the off season in a classroom, examining plants, pests, and conducting demonstrations and diagnostics in actual landscapes is often the best learning experience.

While each tour has a specific focus, the relaxed walk and learn format naturally leads to discussions about a variety of topics. Each tour provides a unique learning experience for every participant. The locations have been selected for their horticultural diversity and landscape development.

Details:

- all tours are conducted rain or shine, so dress appropriately
- insect repellent is recommended
- drinks and snacks will be provided on site
- admission fees to Gardens are included in the registration cost
- enrollment is limited, pre-registration is required
- * Note, the different starting times for the tours
- Credits: MDA, credits are anticipated, 3 ISA CEU™s

** Call the MGIA office at 248-646-4992 for a reservation or additional information

Applewood Estate Flint, MI

August 20, 2003, 4:30pm to 8:00 pm

Applewood, the Ruth Rawlings and Charles Steward Mott Estate, is a family home on 18 acres surrounded by stately trees, lush lawns, and flower filled gardens. Built in 1916 as a gentleman's farm in the country for General Motors Vice President C. S. Mott. The diverse plantings, gardens and landscape design elements provide excel-

lent learning opportunities. This walk and learn workshop will focus on plant identification, cultural care, and IPM techniques as practiced at the Estate.

Tour Guides:

Deborah Elliott & Applewood horticulturists

Mary Wilson, MSU Extension, horticulture agent

Greg Patchan, MGIA Educational Director

Location: Exit I-475, at 8A, Robert Longway Blvd., proceed east several blocks to the light at Horrigan Dr. Turn right and park in lot K (on left) for Mott Community College. Applewood entrance is across Horrigan.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens (U of MI)

Ann Arbor, MI

September 10, 2003, 3:30pm to 7:00pm

Plants- Old, New, and Unique Matthaei is large complex of gardens, landscape plantings, and natural environments near Ann Arbor. Its plant and environmental diversity will be the focus of the last walk and learn workshop for the growing season. While we will be visiting only a portion of this large property, expect to examine a large variety of woody and herbaceous ornamentals. We will also study the impact of wildlife damage, improper site/plant selection and effects of plant aging plus disease and insect problems.

Tour Guides:

Dave Michener, "Assistant Curator, Botanical Gardens, and Assistant Adjunct Professor, School of Natural Resources & Environment

Bob Bricault, MSU Extension, horticulture agent

Greg Patchan, MGIA Educational Director

Location: on 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., between Geddes and Plymouth Rd, east of US-23. Exit US-23 at Plymouth Rd, east to Dixboro Rd, proceed south to Matthaei, located on right (east). Meet in front of the conservatory entrance.

Gardening with Ornamental Grasses -
Catch the Wave!

September 24, 2003, Time: 6 to 9 pm

Location: Novi Exp Center

Call the MGIA office at 248-646-4992 for additional information. Dr. Art Cameron, MSU Horticulture Dept., will discuss his favorite ornamental grasses - Art's "Big Ten" list - in detail. This list includes ornamental grasses that have exhibited outstanding performance in North American gardens and fit well into that ultimate plant category; high visibility and low maintenance. Propagation, production, selection, installation, pruning, division and aspects of working with these remarkably popular plants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2003 Macomb Master Gardener Program Schedule (subject to change)

Class Time: Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

First class: August 25, 2003

Final class: November 3, 2003

DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR
Aug. 25	Plant Science	Stevens
Sept. 2	Soil Science/Compost	Stevens/Richards
Sept. 8	Woody Ornamentals	Wilson
Sept 15	Indoor Plants	Richards
Sept. 22	Turf Culture	TBA
Sept. 29	Vegetable Culture	Stevens
Oct. 6	Household Pests	Voyle
Oct. 13	Diagnostics-IPM	Stevens/Richards
Oct. 20	Backyard Fruit Culture	Burrows
Oct 27	Flower Culture	TBA
Nov. 3	Final Exam Distribution/pot-luck	

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

YOUTH GARDENING TEACHER TRAINING – To be offered through Macomb MSU Extension

The next Youth Gardening Teacher Training will take place in September and October at eh Extension Office on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 –9:15. This training is appropriate for teens or adults working in youth gardening programs in a variety of settings – 4-H clubs, schools, churches, etc. There will be five sessions: Curriculum survey, Age-appropriate instructional techniques, Administering Youth Gardening Programs, 4-H Volunteer Selection Process and “Student Teaching. For more information or to receive a flyer and registration form contact Anne Crotser at (586)469-6431.

MACOMB MSUE HORTICULTURAL TRAVEL TOURS

MSU Extension Travel Tours have been designed to actively explore and test the ideas and assumptions presented in the Master Gardener classroom learning. Participants will be guided by experts through learning experiences as they explore beautifully designed gardens, research facilities, production nurseries and greenhouses.

There are still a few spaces available for our travel tour to the “Grand Gardens of the Chicago Area” August 24, 25, 26 2003 and what a garden variety we have put together for that tour! \$329 covers all transportation and accommodations and include Chicago Botanic Gardens, Morton Arboretum, Montefiori, and Cuneo Gardens, and unique shopping opportunities. Master Gardeners earn educational hours. In addition to our Master Gardener mailing we have been advertising locally so don't delay - get your reservations in early. Deadline is July 31. Call the office at (586)469-6440.

AT THE MSUE DEMO GARDEN

There are some changes in the MSUE Demonstration Garden. We have created a new hard-scape stacker wall around the planting beds. We will begin to replant each bed with new varieties of plants. come join us. - Our work schedules are flexible and we have a lot of fun.

We usually meet on Tuesday evenings around 6:00 p.m.

Bring your own tools.

If you need more information contact Janet Donovan at 586-786-5549 or at patrickjdonovan@comcast.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Troy Garden Club

Branch of W.N.F. & G.A., Michigan Div.

Presents a Lecture by: **Tracy DiSabato-Aust**

Internationally Known Author of

'The Well-Tended Perennial Garden'

and 'The Well-Tended Mixed Garden'

at MSU Management Education Center

811 W. Square Lake Road

Troy, MI

Saturday, September 13, 2003

The cost of \$55.00 includes Lunch.

Pre-registration only. Call (248) 828-2978,

E-mail: thegardener@comcast.net., or

Forms are available at: A Sense of Thyme,

54 E. Square Lake Road, Troy, (248)813-0044.

Uncle Luke's, 6691 Livernois, Troy, (248)879-9147.

Telly's 3301 John R., Troy, (248)689-8735.

Wilkop Landscaping, 6550 Coolidge,

Troy, (248)828-0030.

2003 Garden Day Celebrates MSU Gardens 10th Anniversary

Come celebrate the MSU Horticulture Demonstration Gardens' 10th anniversary during the annual Garden Day, August 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Plant & Soil Sciences Building at Michigan State University.

Garden Day offers experienced and beginning gardeners a variety of workshops and activities designed to help them improve their craft. Tracy Disabato-Aust, a best-selling author and landscape designer, will present garden design fundamentals. MSU horticulture professor, Art Cameron will explain how to incorporate ornamental grasses in a garden plan.

Workshops include presentations on invasive species, planting gardens to attract bird life, greenhouse building and many other topics. The demonstration gardens' anniversary celebration begins at noon and features cake, ice cream and prize drawings. A plant sale will also be held, featuring unusual trees, shrubs and perennials.

To register for Garden Day, visit the program's Web site, <http://www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach/GardenDay2003.htm>

or call Sandy Allen at 517-355-8362. The \$75 registration fee includes two workshops, parking and lunch. Deadline for registration is July 18. For more information, contact Sandy by phone or by email at al-lens@msu.edu.

The garden walks have been spectacular. Plan to attend some of the remaining walks. Show your support and learn and earn educational credits while you do. Thank you to all of the brave gardeners who have shared and are sharing their gardens and their gardening know how.

Macomb County Master Gardener Walks 2003 at a Glance

Educational Garden Walks for Master Gardeners, Families and Friends.

Project Coordinator: Lucille Day Phone 586-731-2430 or cell phone 586-350-5355

- ♣ July 14th Monday 1-8 pm Barbara Sztaba (586) 731-5589/ 41486 Sesame Dr Sterling Hgts
- ♣ July 14th Monday 1-8pm Rich and Geri Hammerick'97 46193 Butte - Macomb Twp Ph 566-3937
- ♣ July 16th Wed 9am-7pm C&S Gardens 20950 Irwin/Coon Creek Sharon Busch784-5669
- ♣ July 16th Wed 9am-1pm Jo Sova'96 61190 Romeo Plank -Ray Twp Ph 781-5237
- ♣ July 16th Wed 12- 7pm Jenny Depa '02 73910 Coon Creek - Armada Ph 784-8328
- ♣ July 29th Tuesday Noon to 8 Emily Phelps'02/03 39251 Ferris- Clinton Twp Ph 469-3246
- ♣ July 29th Tuesday 10-3 Sue Conti '02/03 18380 Clinton River Rd -Clinton Twp 263-0243
- ♣ July 29th Tuesday 10-3 Carolyn Taylor'97 – 39882 Coalport - Clinton Twp Ph286-7569
- ♣ July 29th Tuesday 3-7pm Pat Wise '97 Phone 286-5050 at 16100 Anstell Ct. Clinton Twp
- ♣ August 4th Monday 5-7pm Vada Billings'95 5217 Mart Ct - Warren Ph 756-5601
- ♣ August 4th Monday 3-5pm Karen D'Angelo '96 13111 Burgundy - Warren Ph 754-8361
- ♣ August 4th Monday 1-4pm Jean Niemi'97 - 27252 Dover - Warren Ph.754-1519
- ♣ August 16th Sat Time 10- 2 Linda Pegg'02/03 35067 Ellen - Clinton Twp. 586-792-4583
- ♣ August 16th Sat Time 10-2 Julie Ann Rebar '02/03 24 Third street - Mt Clemens 465-3042
- ♣ Sept. 6th Sat 9-1and Sun Sept 7th 10-2 Ron Zemans '02 - 63711 Bates - Lennox 749-5722
- ♣ September 12th Friday 9am-1pm Farmers Market Mt Clemens Contact Joe Sakowski 731-2696

ASH BORER UPDATE

Emerald Ash Borer: What Are My Choices Now?

David Smitley and Deborah McCullough
Michigan State University
June 27, 2003

Some people just found out that ash trees in their neighborhood are infested with emerald ash borer. What do you do now? First, make sure that you have ash trees and not some other type of tree. Only ash trees will be attacked. If you are not sure, contact your local MSU-Extension office for bulletin E-2892: 'Distinguishing ash from other common trees'. Second, insecticide treatments are not likely to help dying trees. They will work best as preventive treatments to **healthy ash trees**. Finally, if you have ash trees, emerald ash borer is going to be costly, no matter what you do. Treating your trees yourself or paying an arborist to treat them will be expensive, and so is the cost of removing dead trees. Trees located between the sidewalk and street may be removed by the city or township you live in, but you will have to pay for the removal of trees in your yard. At this time, most infested ash trees are dying 1-3 years after dead branches are first found. Remember, if you decide to treat your ash trees with insecticide, they will need treating each year.

Insecticide treatments options for July. Insecticides will work best on trees with little or no borer damage. It is unlikely that systemic insecticides applied as trunk injections, soil drenches, or soil injections will move very well in trees with extensive tunneling injury. Trees with more than 20% canopy die-back usually have extensive damage that will be difficult to overcome.

For arborists or landscapers:

- 1) Merit (imidacloprid) soil-injection or soil-drench. Merit takes 4 – 8 weeks to be absorbed by the roots and moved up to the branches. The best time for this was April and May. We don't know how well these treatments will work if they are applied now.
- 2) Trunk injections of imidacloprid or bidrin. We can't say at this time which insecticide works the best. The optimum time is probably late May and June, but they should still work in July, as long as the trees are healthy (the insecticides will not move well if there is a lot of borer damage to the trunk). We know from our tests last year that trunk injections in late August and early September do not work well for trees already showing some canopy dieback.
- 3) Trunk and foliage sprays with Tempo (cyfluthrin), Talstar (Bifenthrin), Astro (permethrin), Sevin (carbaryl) or Orthene (acephate). The best timing for a trunk and foliage spray was probably last

week (last week of June), when the adults started flying. A second application in the middle of July will give added protection. The idea is kill adults before they lay eggs, and to kill young larvae as they chew through insecticide-treated bark. Since adults will be flying and laying eggs the next two weeks, a trunk and foliage spray should be helpful right now, even though some eggs have already been laid. Trunk and foliage sprays will not help after mid to late July because most of the eggs will have hatched and the larvae will be under the bark.

For homeowners:

- 1) Soil drench with Bayer Advanced Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control (imidacloprid). Best done in April or May. We are not sure how well it will work when applied in July. Homeowners mix product in a bucket of water and drench over the roots. Water the insecticide into the soil immediately after drenching by running a lawn sprinkler long enough to fill a bucket placed on the lawn under your ash tree, to a height of ½ to 1 inch.
- 2) Trunk injections. Cannot be done by homeowners themselves except for the Acecap product. We do not know how well acecaps work for emerald ash borer.
- 3) Trunk and foliage sprays with Orthene or Sevin. Homeowners can spray small ash trees themselves. Trunk and foliage sprays can be applied to small trees with hand-pump sprayers, or garden-hose spray attachments. Wear gloves, long pants, a long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks when applying any insecticide. Avoid getting spray mist on your skin or breathing it. Be sure to follow all label directions, and do not mix insecticides at concentrations higher than the rate on the label. See comments above about proper timing.

Arborists and landscapers usually do a much better job of treating trees (especially large trees) with insecticide than homeowners do, and homeowners cannot make trunk injections of imidacloprid or bidrin on their own.

Resources:

USDA Forest Service: www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab/index.html
Michigan Department of Agriculture: www.michigan.gov/mda
Michigan State University: www.msue.msu.edu/reg_se/roberts/ash/index.html

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Lets go garden 2003- summary



A special thank you to Kim Ackerman who coordinated this project this year. With Kim's help Master Gardener's were able to volunteer in eighteen different stores, eight of which were new to the program. These new locations provided volunteers with a broad variety of sites to choose from. Thank you to the store mentors who helped the program run smoothly. A special thank you to Katie D'Luge who created and donated the vinyl LGG signs. We have received very positive feedback from the stores regarding the volunteers who worked for them. You all did a great job of representing the Macomb

MSU Extension Master Gardeners. If everybody worked the shifts they signed up for, we can expect over \$5000.00 worth of donations from the participating stores. Thank you and I hope to see you again next year!

The following memo is to all MG volunteers who helped at Home Depot this spring. As you may guess there were some problems this first year, but we hope get things worked out for next season.

Date: Mon, 05 May 2003 11:32:17 -0400
From: Brandon Cochran <bcocoran@fernlea.com>
Subject: Let's Go Gardening
To: richards@msue.msu.edu
Sandra,

I owe you and your organization a big apology. I was not properly prepared for your volunteers. As such, I may have caused you and them some undue and undeserved stress. You have my deepest and sincerest apologies for that. I wish I had a good excuse, but I don't...I simply got caught short of time and dropped the ball. I am going to make sure that this doesn't happen again.

This week I will do the following:

Have my supervisor, Mike, stop by your office tomorrow

to pick up the list of volunteers and stores they will be at.

Design a bag stuffer (flyer) that will be handed out later this week to all home depot customers checking out through the cash registers detailing the program.

Have stores record and periodically play a message over their p.a. systems that indicates volunteers will be in-store on the appropriate weekends.

Have tables and chairs set up for the volunteers at the store.

Have all store's versed in the discount extended to the volunteers.

Again, I'm very sorry if I caused you any problems. I owe you a dinner at the very least. Should you want to discuss with me anything else, please don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail.

Thanks, Brandon

P.S. The volunteers at the stores I visited seemed to be enjoying themselves and were a tremendous help.

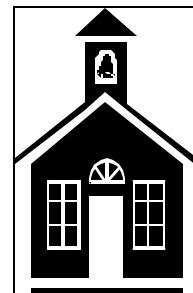
Congratulations to new Macomb Co. MSUE Jr. Master Gardeners

The graduation was held on June 11, 2003 at Jefferson Middle school in St. Clair Shores. Advanced MSUE Master Gardener Volunteer, Greg Beels coordinated the JMG program this spring with the help of fellow Master Gardeners Don Barron, Nancy Casler, Sharon Karmanowski, Bob Gongle, Bernie Klomp, and Val Corbett.

The participation by the students and instructors made this project successful.

The school looks forward to continued classes.

Jessica Bloedel
Bonnie Culhane
Andrea Meldrum
Kristin Smith
Nicole Zinevich
Chelsea Pascoe
Kathy Thomas
Kristin Wilson
Brianna Haworth
Ben Van Loon
Alexandra Beels
Kaitlyn Beels



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLINTON RIVER (TWP.) AND SPILLWAY BIKEPATH BEAUTIFICATION 2003 PROJECT DAYS

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH Summer Garden & Tree Maintenance

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH Fall Clean Up and Plant Division
Coordinated with the Clinton River Watershed "River Clean Up")

Schedule for all three project days is as follows:

8:00am (Registration) 8:30am (Education) 9:30-3:30 (Gardening/Clean-Up)

BRING: Weeders, rakes, shovels, gloves, pruners, sunscreen,
lunch & a smile!

CONTACT: Sandra Richards @ MSU Ext. (586) 469-5180 for
more information.

LOCATED: At the corner of Harper Rd. & Wellington Crescent in Clinton Twp.



YARDENERS of St. Clair Shores present:

10th Annual Garden Tour

Saturday, August 2, 2003 from 9:00am to 3:00pm – cost \$5.00

To help or for more information contact Marcia Schwarz
at (586)776-1221 or marcia_schwarz@yahoo.com

Fall Plant Exchange

Saturday, September 27, 2003 9:00am to 11:00am, at St. Clair Shores
Library, 11 mile & Jefferson.

What's Growing on" with the Yardeners of SCS on line at
www.stclairshores.net go to local orgs then Yardeners.

PLANT A ROW PROGRAM

Remember the homeless and hungry when you harvest your vegetable garden this season. The Plant a Row Program is a nationally known project designed to connect gardeners with soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Macomb County gardeners are encouraged to call Sue Figurski at the Macomb Food Program at (810) 469-6004. Sue's office can connect you with food pantries all over the county to drop off your excess produce.

Look for the community garden planted for the hungry at the Michigan State Fair this year. It was planted by Michigan Master Gardener Volunteers.

PLANT TO HELP!

MSU EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS AT THE OCTAGON HOUSE

Since January 1st the Octagardeners have been through some changes. I'd like to start by thanking some of the people that have made this a smooth transition for all of us. I'd like to thank Martha Nitz for all of her efforts in making the Octagarden the success it is today. I hope I live up to the trust she has put in me. Andrea DiPaola for her continuing heart, soul and ceaseless energy

and the many tasks she performs for us, seen and unseen. I have learned much from her. I would like to thank Gene Rosati and the Hardscape Committee for the tremendous job on the landscape design plan. Thank you to Deb Walker (Queen), Victorian Garden Committee Chair. Under her leadership the Committee has completed an historically accurate list of plant material to be implemented this spring/summer in the Adopt-A-Garden program. I would also like to thank Kendra Smith for taking on the Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Fundraising is vital to our survival. The Committee has many ideas in the works. Your suggestions and skills are welcome. A big THANK YOU for the support of the Romeo Garden Club and the Troy Garden Club for their most generous donations!! These will surely help us grow!

Come to our Old Fashioned Craft Show Saturday and Sunday 9-13 and 14 10am to 4pm. We can use your help for our Fall Clean up – October 25, 2003 from 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.. Registration starts at 8:30a.m.. Come and have a cup of coffee. Bring your tools, gloves and your imagination. Bring a wheelbarrow if you can. Bring your tools and gloves. Smiles and good times to be had by all.

I feel very lucky to have been chosen to take the position as Project Leader. I have much to learn and I hope to keep growing along with the gardens. I am always open to suggestions and ideas. You can contact me at Octagarden@aol.com or at home. Nancy Sisco, Project Leader (586)779-9087



PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Web Sites of Interest

(provided by Oakland Co. MG)

Trees & Associates in Winter

BY: Dr. Alex L. Shigo

WHERE: <http://www.chesco.com/~treeman/SHIGO/WINTER.html>

If you are traveling to England, and would like to visit private gardens, search "Garden Finder", the online version of the National Gardens Scheme's guidebook, "Gardens of England and Wales Open for Charity 2003" at: <http://www.ngs.org.uk/search1.htm> Garden Finder lists gardens by county, and includes descriptions, maps and directions, dates and times. There are 415 new gardens open this year, and some have evening hours.

The Garden Conservancy was founded in 1989 to preserve exceptional American gardens, such as the Japanese design at Hakone in California and the formal gardens at Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills, New Jersey. The Conservancy publishes "Open Days Directory" which lists private gardens open to visitors. Michigan's Day is July 13th in Bloomfield Hills.

<http://www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays.html>

The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta is an organization of public gardens in North America. You can search by state or geographical region, such as Mid-Atlantic. There are links to web sites from the Alaska Botanical Garden in Anchorage to Zoo Montana in Billings.

<http://www.aabga.org/>

Greater Philadelphia Gardens was founded in 1989 as The Gardens Collaborative to promote public gardens in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. A list of 32 gardens and links to their web sites is at:

<http://www.worldslargestgardenparty.org/>

American Horticultural Society http://www.ahs.org/publications/usda_hardiness_zone_map.htm

Please let us know of your favorite websites by sending us the link at richards@msue.msu.edu

The Master Gardener Shopping Mall has just what you need to be the best dressed and outfitted gardener, so shop soon at: <http://www.mastergardenershoppingmall.com>

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Charlie Jerome
died Saturday May 3rd,
2003

Charlie was a MSU MG
of 1991.

Charlie had retired from the Detroit News. In recent years he had moved to Oscoda and purchased several lots there and was a mini farmer growing vegetables and selling them at a roadside stand. Charlie loved growing vegetables.

His daughter Page was also a MSU MG. Charlie and I would get together about 3 times a year for breakfast when he visited Page. I will miss my friend Charlie and his sense of humor.

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MASTER GARDENER NEWS

What I Did On My Summer Vacation – 2003 International Master Gardener Conference By: Sandra Richards

The 2003 International Master Gardener Conference was sponsored by Ohio State University Extension and University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. It was held in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky from June 18 through June 21, 2003. Extension Specialists and celebrities in horticulture presented a wide selection of lectures, from global warming trends to garden design basics, uses of heirloom plants in the landscape and excellent tours and workshops. I learned about how the blooming sequence of plants is used to predict and control pests in a lecture given by a top OSU Entomologist. One outstanding presentation taught about pesticides, especially new products and the state of the art science relating to modes of action with less environmental risk.

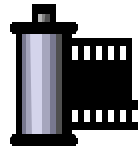
The conference offered topics that are pertinent to leaders and program coordinators. I took a class about the art and skill of delegation, as well as how one state is dealing with developing specialized programs for continuing education for active Master Gardener Volunteers. On a tour I was able to see a Community Garden Center that utilizes trained volunteers to give classes and do community beautification. I also visited Krohn Conservatory a part of the Cincinnati City Park system. I would have never dreamed that Cincinnati is so beautiful!

Another aspect of the conference is the interaction with coordinators and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. A poster display of select volunteer projects provides insight into possibilities for improvement and development of volunteer opportunities for Macomb County MSU Extension volunteers.

I found this conference to provide an exceptional selection of educational opportunities and would recommend it to all MSUE Master Gardener Volunteers. It will be held in Saskatoon, Canada in July of 2005. Hope to see you there.



PHOTO CONTEST FOR MACOMB MASTER GARDENERS



Remember to keep your camera handy all season long to capture those special moments in your garden. The photos will be displayed at the Volunteer Recognition Banquet November 12, 2003

We accept non-published and not matted, mounted or framed, 8 x 10 photos.

Re-certification

A Master Gardener may re-certify for participation in the program for another year by:

- Providing a minimum **15 hours** of MSUE-approved volunteer service each year and,
- Completing **five (5) additional hours** of horticulture training each year. All educational programs both MSU and non-MSU sponsored must be approved by the County Master Gardener coordinator. Full credit, hour for hour, will be issued for attending MSUE programs, state and international Master Gardener conferences and MSU courses. Non-MSU-sponsored courses will be awarded one-half hour credit for each hour of class time. This policy will be in effect in time for the fall 2003 class.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS
NEWSLETTER AND OTHER MASTER
GARDENER VOLUNTEER INFORMATION
ELECTRONICALLY?

WE ARE DEVELOPING A MACOMB MG
ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST. IF YOU
WANT TO BE ON IT SEND THE FOLLOW-
ING
MESSAGE TO:

RICHARDS@MSUE.MSU.EDU

IN THE SUBJECT AREA PLEASE NOTE:
MACOMB MG E-LIST
WITH THE MESSAGE...
"PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THE LIST"

LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP ME WITH
COMPUTER STUFF, I HAVE IDEAS BUT
NOT EXPERIENCE! SANDRA

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

The following are currently established volunteer opportunities that may need your help. Please stop by the office or call Kim or Sandra to help

EXTENSION PROJECTS

- Hotline
- Info booths
 - Farmers Market
 - County fair
 - State fair
 - Various festivals and community events
- Speaking and teaching opportunities

HANDS-ON PROJECTS

- Demonstration Garden
- Farmers Market
- Octagarden
- Clinton Twp. Bikepath
- Churches
 - Redemption Lutheran
 - Rockpointe Community
 - St. Paul of Tarsus
- Adult group home gardening
- Community Beautification
- School planning projects
- Nature Centers
 - Shadbrush
 - Stony Creek
 - Wolcott Mill
 - East Detroit Historical Society
- Senior Centers
 - Sterling Heights Evangelical Home
 - Peace Presbyterian